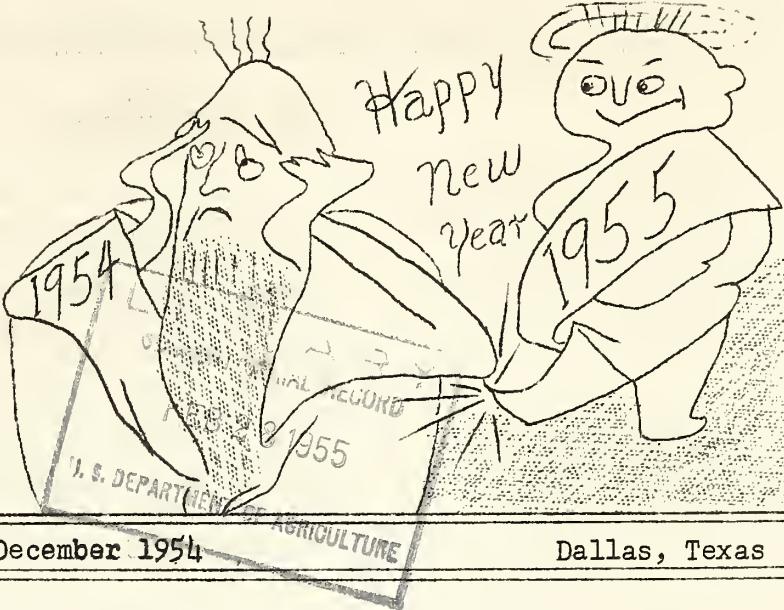


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MERCHANT FROM SPAIN VISITED CSS OFFICE

Senor Narciso Creixell, Barcelona, Spain, cotton merchant and spinner, was a visitor in the Dallas CSS Commodity Office on January 10.

Senor Creixell's (pronounced "Crescha") visit was prompted by his interest in acquiring Kenaf seed
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EUGENE E. PAULSON WILL HEAD KANSAS CITY F&V MARKET NEWS

"Gene" Paulson is floating on air these days, despite his recent injuries. He has been offered the position as Head of the F & V Market News Office in Kansas City, Missouri, Effective on February 1.

Since Paulson originally
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HARLAND WRIGHT SUFFERED HEART ATTACK ON DUTY

One of our best staff members and reporters of the Dallas USDA Club News, Harland Wright, was taken
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ADMINISTRATION'S 1955 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM INCLUDES TENTATIVE PAY RAISE FOR CLASSIFIED AND POSTAL WORKERS

By R. B. Meyer

The President has put a \$63,000,000,000 price tag on the 1955 legislative program he will send to Congress next month. Congressional leaders disclosed the budget estimates after White House conferences in which the President outlined the legislation he will recommend to the Democratic controlled 84th Congress.

Included in the basic planks outlined in the legislative program are five to seven per cent pay increases for both the civil service and the military. Also, an increase in mail rates for first, second and third class mail.

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MARGARET E. JAY ACCEPTS POSITION IN LITTLE ROCK

Margaret E. Jay, former USDA employee, is making good in a big way.

Effective January 3, Margaret took up her duties as personnel clerk with Internal Revenue, Little Rock, Arkansas.

This position is a nice promotion for Margaret and her many friends in USDA wish her the best of luck. Margaret went to Internal Revenue in 1954.

ANN SOCKWELL WINS \$80 AWARD FOR SUGGESTION

Ann R. Sockwell of the Program Operations Division, Traffic Management Section, CSS, was presented at the Christmas party on Thursday, December 23, a cash award of \$80 for her proposal to "Revise the Daily Debit Listing for Stock Record Purposes."

Ann was on detail in the Unit where she was working when she developed the idea. Congratulations, Ann!

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**ARE YOU MISSING
YOUR OPPORTUNITIES?**

As the New Year unfolds, it will offer many and varied opportunities in all lines. Many people are looking for big opportunities and many people overlook the little opportunities that make life worthwhile. But it is noticeable that those who overlook little things seldom become successful in big things.

Not long ago an ill-clad elderly man was noticed walking toward the ticket window in Union Station. He shouted in a loud voice, "Won't somebody show me where the ticket window is?" No one did. He almost collided with a young fellow presumably about 20 and attempted to ask him a few questions. This young man jerked away and with arrogance paid him no mind.

The elderly man finally made his way to the ticket window where he learned he would have to transfer to a bus. He was at odds to know how to find the bus station. It was easy to detect that he was almost totally blind and that he was not drinking. A woman came to his rescue and learned that he was trying to make his way to his daughter's home in a nearby town and thought the train would take him there. He didn't have money for the extra bus fare. The woman led him to the taxi, paid his fare and asked the driver to take care of him further.

Why was this an opportunity? It isn't that you want to say, "God, take

note of this and mark it up to my record", but it gives a feeling of satisfaction to render a small service where needed and truly such services will be needed as long as the world continues. The young man who missed the opportunity was inflicted with a kind of blindness suffered by those who do not wish to see.

In our struggle for the survival of the fittest during the coming year and in our eagerness to obtain that green stuff which we carry to the bank, let us not overlook the things which money cannot buy.

POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE?

Have not many people come to ask of life only those things which promote fun and good times?

It is well known that wholesome recreation is as essential as good food. But just as we need only a certain amount of good food, so should our minds have so much positive thinking for success in life.

Positive thinking insists that we must believe in ourselves, believe in our work, and believe in our fellow man. We must have a vision of worthwhile things for which to strive. We should be wiser than we were sometime ago because of study or ability to observe; we should enlarge our appreciation because of contacts with others, develop friendships, choose ever higher loyalties and greater goals. Be a positive thinker in the coming months ahead and reap the benefits.

**VOL. VI, DALLAS USDA CLUB NEWS
ENDS A VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR**

Today marks the last issue of the USDA Club News, Volume VI. In retrospect, we have had a successful year and high praise has been given our staff for its journalistic efficiency and news coverage.

Our club members have cooperated with us in the big job required to publish a monthly newspaper. To each of you who has had a part in making Volume VI a successful part of our club activities, I am most grateful. Through long months of hard work and untiring efforts, the staff and reporters have improved each issue and, today, we have a publication that each of us can point to with pride as representative of the activities of our club.

To those who take the mantle of responsibility for publishing the paper this coming year, the staff and members of the Correlation and Public Service Committee wish you well and assure you that our interest in the problems and mechanics of the newspaper will continue unabated.

To our present staff, thanks for a job well done.

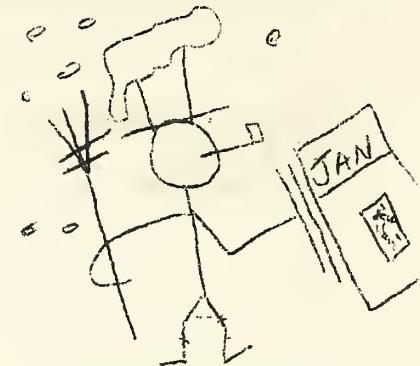
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Service Committee
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TRUE LOVE!

NELL: "You don't think Hortense married that man because his aunt left him a fortune?"
BELLE: "Certainly not - she'd have married him no matter who left it to him."

ALWAYS HAS!

Employee: "Boss, I come to see if you could raise my salary."
Boss: "Go back to work and don't worry. I've managed to raise it each pay day so far, haven't I?"



RING IN THE NEW!

By Alton B. Lee

It now is gone, the old year,
And in its place the new
Stands quietly on the threshold
In bright untarnished hue
I've never seen a new Year-
But tho' I see or not,
In magic of its coming,
The old is quite forgot.
There is in it new promise,
New hope of things to be,
New chance of my achieving
The Master's will for me!
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**M.E. WALKER OF POULTRY
IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT**

M.E. Walker of Poultry Division was in a car accident near Temple recently. Seems that another driver (with his bright lights on and on a curve) wanted Walker's side of the road. In letting him have it, Walker was involved in a slight collision with another car, also trying to avoid the same wild driver.

There was some damage to both cars, but neither man was hurt. Sad to say, the driver who caused it all, did not bother to stop.

HUTCHISON CONFERRING
WITH POLSON
THRU MEGAPHONE

in Dallas during the office Christmas party. They will be stationed in California after visiting with Mr. Johnson's relatives in Colorado. Before leaving, Jane was presented with a beautiful coffee-maker from the CSS Cheer Club.

P. O. is glad to welcome home Jeanelle Wau-chessen. Good to have you back, Jeanelle.

MILDRED YEAGER, Editor of the USDA Club News, thought she had a problem Christmas, when she and her co-worker didn't have time to shop for net to make Christmas stockings for the children they teach at a local church. There were 25 little girls ages 10 to 12 and no Christmas stockings!

Finally, MILDRED hit upon the idea of donating her blue colonial evening dress, which had become too small. "It was a good dress and I was going to give it to the Goodwill," MILDRED said. There were yards of net in the skirt, so with the assistance of the Junior Circle of Business Women, the stockings were cut and made by hand. Now MILDRED plans to make some pillows out of the blue satin underneath the net of her dress for her mother's new apartment in Cisco, Texas. (Not a bad idea to dispose of evening dresses no longer needed).

DOTTIE BANKSTON, "Our Charm Girl," from Austin is back with us in Fiscal Division, CSS, DOTTIE (Continued on Page 6)

AROUND THE OFFICE
WITH PAD AND PENCIL

By Lola A. Chancellor

Thelma Owens and her granddaughter, Sandra, flew to New York for Christmas with Thelma's daughter, Wilma. Thelma reports a wonderful time. She saw several Broadway plays, one of which was "Peter Pan" with Mary Martin. Other entertainment on the agenda was shopping (suits, etc.), TV programs, sight seeing, and of course the usual parties. It can be well said this is a Christmas. Thelma will always remember.

Among those having birthdays during the month of December were Lucille Dickey, Thelma Neely, Lee Watson, Leta Sloan, Hilda Bess Warren and Mary Nell Barnes.

We are very sorry to hear that LORENA SMITH has been on the sick list. Here's wishing a speedy recovery, LORENA. May your New Year be a happy one!

Others in Program Operations who have been ill are Ann Sockwell, Cecilia Patterson, Bill Williamson and Allen Clayton.

Next year we hope there will be a donation of everlasting tree lights. BILL GREGORY, with a few helpers, has almost a full time job changing lights.

Santa Claus visited P.O. early bringing many "goodies" for good little boys and girls. Among these were home baked cakes by Dora Proctor and her sister, Enda Horton, (um-um); Divinity by Lorena Smith, Million-Dollar Fudge by Allen Clayton plus a box of chocolates; and Divinity by Juanita Brown. Needless to say how much these treats were enjoyed for action was plainer than words, as shown by the rate they disappeared. We really have some accomplished people in P. O. Need any recipes you know where to get them.

JANE JOHNSON has left P. O. to go with her husband, who has just returned from Hawaii, arriving

ADMINISTRATION'S LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM, PAY RAISES, ETC.
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A Federal pay raise for classified and postal workers now appears virtually certain this year. The only question now is the amount of the increase and whether it will be retroactive.

The tentative Administration plan calls for a flat 5 per cent boost plus certain pay adjustments for classifieds and job reclassification for postal workers, which would bring the over-all average to 7 per cent. This is almost double the Administration's original recommendations to the last Congress, at which time it backed an average increase of about \$100 a year for postal and \$140 a year for classifieds. Average hike under the new plan would be about \$250.

Several employee leaders have been called in a series of conferences for their advice and suggestions on the proposed pay raise, and some of the leaders say they have the impression that there is stout opposition within the Administration to a pay boost for classified and postal employees that would average as high as 7 per cent.

Meanwhile, Democratic leaders will fight for a 7 to 10 per cent boost, with or without a provision for financing it.

F&V MARKET NEWS MAN HAD AUTO ACCIDENT

Eugene E. Paulson of the F&V Market News Office had the frightening experience near Weatherford, of having what he thought was a parked car make a U turn right in front of him. Result - severe damage to Paulson and his car. He was off from work for three weeks recovering from crushed ribs, wrenched knee and other bruises. You were lucky at that, Gene.

PAULSON HEADS OFFICE, ETC.
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came from Kansas City, this means home and naturally he is anxious to return. Good luck, Gene.

MERCHANT FROM SPAIN VISITED CSS OFFICE
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and data on Kenaf production and harvesting with the view of producing the fiber in Spain. The POD staff supplied him with samples of Kenaf seed, fiber, oil and meal.

This was his first visit to America, and he came to Dallas to see his new granddaughter. He said his first impression of America is "maravilloso".

Such visits promote mutual understanding and good will.

Don't forget to turn in an Employee Suggestion!

POULTRY HIGHLIGHTS

By Ruth C. Brown

Ronald Kevin Halverson made his appearance on November 23, 1954 at the Methodist Hospital, weight 6 lbs., 7 oz. Ronald is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Halverson and is the third boy in the family.

Michael and Billy moved to Dallas with their mother and dad from Minnesota a year ago when Mr. Halverson joined the staff of the Poultry Grading Office. Welcome, Ronald.

Isla Mae Wimberley, formerly with FHA, visited here in December. Traveling with her from Little Rock were two Point Four Exchange Students from South America. They were quite impressed with our city of Dallas.

On Christmas vacations from the fifth floor of Terminal Annex were Julia Mayo, Cotton Division, and Thelma Laney, Audit Division. Julia spent most of her time in Texarkana with her family. Thelma's brother from New York City was with her, as well as relatives and friends from New Orleans and Oklahoma.

HARLAND WRIGHT, Cont'd.
 to Baylor Hospital, January 10 about 2:30 P.M. after suffering a heart attack at work. He was rushed to the hospital where he remained a few days. We are happy he is improving at his home.

AROUND THE OFFICE
WITH PAD AND PENCIL
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worked at CSS last year and went back to Austin for awhile but "the pull of Dallas" brought her back to us again. Welcome back, DOTTIE.

JO ROCHE is resigning from CSS real soon. Reason - she plans to travel in Europe with her husband for a few months. She will be greatly missed by her friends.

Among the most beautifully decorated homes of the Christmas season was that of C. C. Weaver, Jr., 2211 Stevens Woods Lane. The entire block where his home is located was decorated with huge candles burning outside, images of Santa on the chimneys, family hearths, etc., shining greetings of "Merry Christmas" and in one picture window of the block frequently a girl in a white evening dress played Christmas carols on the organ.

Mr. Weaver's home and those of the entire block were outlined, roof, eaves, windows, etc. in shining lights of the Christmas season. It was just like entering fairylan when you went up the hill which slightly sloped leading you to the beautiful block. Cars were asked to dim their lights on entering.

BOBBYE WREN of CSS, Fiscal Division, is recuperating after being in a bus accident during the Christ-

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mas holidays. BOBBYE was returning to Dallas after the death of her mother in west Texas. The bus in which she was riding swerved to avoid hitting an automobile and turned over.

BOBBYE was severely bruised and was in Gaston Hospital several days.

If you would like a new outside interest why not try being a volunteer worker at some of our local hospitals? MILDRED YEAGER is a volunteer worker and spends two hours each Tuesday evening assisting regular workers. MILDRED reports that she meets lots of interesting people in this work and enjoys helping in various Divisions. Orientation and in-service classes start January 13 at Baylor Hospital. They will be from 6 to 9:30 p.m.



LISTEN!

I'd Grow More!
If You'd
Put Me In
PAYROLL SAVINGS
PLAN
FOR BONDS

USDA CLUB TREASURER
MARRIED DECEMBER 23

Evelyn E. Weedin of AMS, Food Distribution Division, Treasurer of the Dallas USDA Club, was married at 8:00 p.m. to W. S. Keeton on December 23, 1954 in a quiet ceremony at the First Methodist Church of Dallas. Dr. Calvin Froehner performed the rites.

The couple surprised their friends in an appearance at the USDA Club party held at the VFW Club Room on that date.

We are happy that Mrs. Keeton, one of our most popular Club members, will remain with us at Food Distribution.

The couple will make their home at 3121 South Marsalis. Mr. Keeton is employed in sales work with The Panther Oil Company and has headquarters in North Carolina.

The USDA Club renews Magazine Subscriptions.

CHRISTMAS PARTY AT CSS WAS CHEERY AND SUCCESSFUL!

The CSS Cheer Club Christmas party sponsored by the Directors of the Club was quite cheery and successful. David M. Wells was Master of Ceremonies and a delightful playlet composed and directed by Jerry Davis was very dramatic. Taking part in the play were Bill Bane, Sarah Young, C. H. Moseley, who especially displayed talent in his portrayal of writing "desk level procedure", David M. Wells, Bill Williamson, Jerry Davis, Bill Campbell, Irby Q. Rankin (song leader). A sample of the hilarity is portrayed in the following poetic description:

COMMODITY CHRISTMAS, 1954

(By Katy Allison for Christmas Program)

'Twas two days before Christmas, and easy to see,
That the Yuletide spirit had hit Commodity.
Good will emanated from every heart throb;
You'd have thought that happiness was our only job.

Gaily wrapped gifts were stacked everywhere,
And smells of a party were steeped in the air.
Good cheer and best wishes were ringing galore-
When lo and behold, who should walk in the door?

'Twas a very good likeness of one we all know,
His beard and his clothes all covered with snow.
He stepped inside and gave a slight pause,
And beyond any doubt it was Old Santa Claus.

Margie was shocked to see Old Santa so soon,
Because the time, you see, was shortly after noon.
But her brain went to work entirely undaunted,
Here was everyone's chance to tell what he wanted.

She reached for the phone and called Mr. Meyer;
She wanted the news to spread like wildfire!
There followed such buzzing and ringing and clatter;
Everyone stopped to see what was the matter.

When Mr. Moseley heard it and found that it was true
He said, "There is only one think left to do.
Everyone report at once to First Floor,
Santa has never visited Commodity before."

Margie and Evelyn thoughtfully took Santa to the Tree,
And seated him atop a desk so that we could all see,
Every gesture he made and every expression of face--
And, too, so he wouldn't be trampled in the race.

"I want", Santa said, but with that we broke in,
"To know just what to bring us", we yelled with a grin.
He seemed quite surprised, now that I've recollected,
As though, this were something he hadn't expected.

Before Santa could wink an eye or say a word,
Such a babble started as you've seldom heard.
"I want a Cadillac", shouted Marshall Bond.
"Me", says Huffman, "I'll settle for a blond."
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DID YOU KNOW?

By Lucille Dickey

That it is 25 miles
from MARGUERITE HAWK'S
house to White Rock Lake?

That MARY NELL BARNES
had a birthday December 8?
--Ask Roy Hutchison about
the cake!

That JIM WRIGHT is carry-
ing a "Definner" around the
office? This should be of
interest to you fishermen.

That ROY HUTCHISON is
labeled "Poor Pay"? How-
ever, he firmly states he
is not responsible for
debts incurred for his ac-
count by Sundahl, McPherson
and Eads.

That LUCILLE DICKEY had
a birthday on Sunday, Dec-
ember 12? Her friends
thought she would be ex-
pecting a party on Friday,
so they gave her a surprise
party on Thursday. It was
really a surprise and the
beautiful birthday cake was
enjoyed by all in Rates and
Services Unit.

That ROWENA FREEFIELD
thought she was using "Eye
Wash" in her eye and it
turned out to be alcohol!
Didn't take her long to
discover her mistake..

That MARGUERITE YOUNGER'S
son from Hollywood, Calif-
ornia spent Christmas in

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CHRISTMAS PARTY AT CSS, "COMMODITY CHRISTMAS". ETC.
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The Efficiency Award Committee as one man, question,
 "Could we start '55 with a winning suggestion?"
 "You can grant my wish", said Pearlie, with ease,
 "A Steno, young and pretty, who'll stay, please!"

Clutching Cheer Club Cash Box, Bane was heard to cry,
 "I want dimes and quarters in unending supply."
 Hawk spoke up---"It's not money or work on my mind,
 Tab Machine Operators are so hard to find."

"A hundred more people," Goodpasture voiced plea,
 "To handle the 1955 impending emergency."
 While Rich sighed at that work filled request,
 "Just give me a quiet place to sleep and to rest."

Cunningham says, "I want a cool-air vent installed,
 Especially if the hot rice meeting is ever recalled."
 Polson says, "Naw, just give me lots more heat,
 I'm sick and tired of having these cold feet."

"For our IBM machines we want some sort of magic,
 Our pretty operators work so hard it's tragic,
 So, Santa, for an automatic device, we plead,
 That," Caruth entreated, "Is our greatest need."

Anne Morrow chimed in, "Want less work and more pay,
 And we'd like our Pay Raise just right away."

Daniel says, "Man-Months Reports right on the dot."
 Mary Nell added, "I want a cozy Credit Union Spot."

Neva Russell pleads, "A nice vacation for me and soon."
 Willeta says, "T&A's every other Friday by noon."
 Mildred Monday says, "Typings heavy, I could easily use
 An extra pair of hands-- or take off my shoes."

Myriad requests continued pouring work upon word,
 But I'll bet half of them weren't never heard,
 Until Kile and Kavanaugh shouted, "Well, Man Alive!
 That's our request for Nineteen Hundred and FiftyFive."

Our wishes were falling on unhearing ears;
 We could see that Old Santa was almost in tears;
 "I really didn't come for your Christmas List,
 Or to stand under the mistletoe and be kissed."

We suddenly quieted and felt a bit shamed.
 Dear Old Santa had certainly been framed.
 The least we could do to make amends,
 Was to show him now he was among friends.

Mac spoke up, "Santa, what can we do,
 To make some wish of yours come true?"
 "Why, I came to inquire about Warehouse space;
 That North Pole is an awfully cold place."

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DID YOU KNOW?
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Dallas? He is a student
 in the Medical School at
 U.C.L.A. and doesn't get to
 visit Marguerite often. No
 wonder she was so excited.

That DOCTOR-PATIENT-
 RELATIONSHIP is sometimes
 reversed? Instead of the
 patient paying the doctor,
 this time the doctor sent
 the patient a nice - big -
 20 lb. cured ham! Ask
 RECTOR MEYER!

 That December 3 was LELON
 THOMPSON'S last day to work
 in the Dallas Commodity Of-
 fice: We miss Lelon but are
 glad she can stay at home
 with her little son.

 That JEANETTE BURFORD
 has a new 1955 Chevrolet?

 That COLONEL MORRIS took
 a week's vacation, supposed-
 ly to tour Arkansas with
 his wife, but instead stayed
 at home and relaxed!

 That MARGUERITE HAWK is,
 at last, the proud owner
 of a Universal Coffeematic!

 That PEARLIE MILLER de-
 livered warehouse receipts
 at night to a certain eleva-
 torman in Fort Worth? Al-
 though the elevator man lived
 only ten blocks away,
 Pearlie got lost in the snow
 storm! - Some people accused
 Pearlie of being barefooted!

 That MCPHERSON decided
 to put a stop, once and for
 all, to the fish stories
 going around the office?
 He said he and wife, Alice,
 went fishing at Lake Texho-
 ma and sixteen hundred

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THELMA NEELY'S WORK STATUS REPORT

CHRISTMAS PARTY AT CSS, "COMMODITY CHRISTMAS," ETC.
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"I'd like enough room for my whole workshop,
With a place near by where my 'Kopter could drop,
And close enough to housing that I could commute,
And lots of Texas sunshine thrown in to boot."

Mr. Wanner spoke up and said with no hesitation;
"We'll gladly take care of this situation.
We'll find you the place and make you a contract,
Just tell your crew to get everything packed."

Santa greatfully nodded and stood for a while,
Then his face was alight with a wonderful smile.
"I feel that you'll each get your wishes all right-
MERRY CHRISTMAS to all and to all a Goodnight."

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"Crappies" were caught in
one day! As Herb Shriner
says, - "It's possible!"

That MARSHALL BOND'S
plumbing seems to always
get out of order on Fridays?
Convenient!

That the "MARSHALL OF
MESQUITE", RAY ADAMS, is
very democratic? He even
gets traffic tickets! What's
the matter Ray - No pull?

That NORRIS MILLER IS
a proud expectant grand-
mother? Congratulations
are pouring in.

That instead of "Lucy
(Continued next Col.)

five words on favorite
use of Wilson & Company's
B-V meat seasoning?

That ROY HUTCHISON'S
taking accrued annual
leave during the holidays
really worked a hardship
on Colonel Morris, who
usually rides to work
with ROY but was forced to
ride on the bus while ROY
was gone. Colonel says he
fenagled around and managed
various means of trans-
portation and even took ac-
crued annual leave himself,
but upon taking inventory
of his transportation fund
finds he is in the "red"
approximately forty cents,
part of which was occasioned
by the loss of a transfer
(this wouldn't have happened
if he had been riding with
ROY). Does anyone have
any suggestions as to ways
and means of Colonel Mor-
ris's balancing his budget?

That LOLA AGNES CHAN-
CELLOR likes Christmas
so well that she spread it
out to last ten days?

Actually it was impossible
for her family to get to-
gether at the same time as
her son, H. C. Chancellor,
Jr. is a doctor in Honey
Grove, Texas and her son-
in-law, Stonie Cotten, a
resident surgeon in the V.
A. Hospital in Houston and,
as we all know, "A doctor's
time is not his own."

Locket Lost Her Pocket" it is now, "LUCY LANTER
Lost Her Glove!" Doesn't rhyme, but it's true.

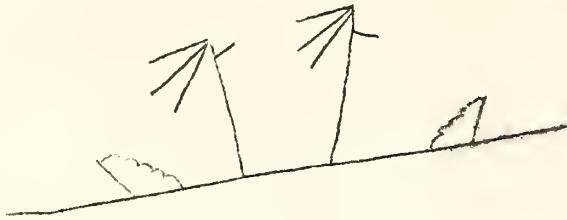
That Administrative
SERVICES walked away from
the USDA Club Christmas
Party with all of the
door prizes except one?

Rector Meyer - Coffee-
matic

Tom Daniels - Turkey
Beecher Terrell - Turkey
R. N. Richardson - Ham
Ann Sockwell - Traffic
Section - Electric Shaver
How did Ann happen to get
in on this?

That MARGUERITE HAWK
won an electric mixmaster
as a result of her prize
winning entry of twenty-

Her son, his wife and
little Gary were here for
Christmas day. (Christmas
dinner No. 1). Her daughter
and husband got here in
time for Christmas dinner
No. 2 on Thursday, December
30 and they all left on
Sunday, January 2. Some
Christmas! She vows that
next year she is eating
Christmas dinner "out."
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EARLY BIRD THAT GOT THE STRONG WORM

DID YOU KNOW?

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That MARIE RHEINLANDER started the New Year by dating her correspondence 1965. ANN MORROW would say, "That's really living it up fast."

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VIVA M. VINCENT RESIGNS FROM CSS

Viva M. Vincent, employee of CSS, Claims and Collection Section, Fiscal Division, has resigned from her position and plans to enter business in her home town of Pomona, Kansas. She plans to operate a grocery business on her own.

Viva has been in Pomona on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. Oscar Parks, for the past several months. Her mother passed away Christmas night. Viva returned to Dallas and is moving her furniture and making final arrangements for leaving. Her father is in ill health and she will be with him. Viva has what it takes and we predict she will be very successful in business. She is very popular at CSS and her many friends bemoan her leaving.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION DIV. ADDS TWO NEW EMPLOYEES

Terry L. Sebastian is the new assistant to Paul E. Phillips in Food Trades at AMS, Food Distribution Branch. Mr. Sebastian was with PMA in 1950, then went to Fort Worth with GSA and has returned to Dallas.

Another new employee of the Food Distribution Branch is Charles Herndon, who is in Direct Distribution Section. He is also a former employee of GSA.

CSS WILL HAVE CHESTS X-RAYED ON JANUARY 18

The Chest X-Ray Unit will be at 3306 Main Street on January 18 to serve employees of CSS. The truck will be at the rear door opposite IBM room.

This service is free and is made possible by the sale of Christmas seals through the Dallas Tuberculosis Association. The USDA Club sponsored the participation of its members in this worthwhile project.

PROGRAM OPERATIONS
"TRAVELOG"
 (Lucille Dickey)

THELMA OWENS and granddaughter, Sandra, went to New York by plane, to spend Christmas with Thelma's daughter.

CORRE CURTICE spent Christmas in Chicago, Illinois with her son, Jay Curtice, P.H.D. - Corre's first plane trip.

CORDELIA KIRKPATRICK went to Nashville, Tennessee to spend the holidays.

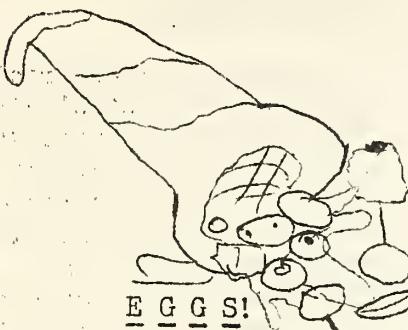
MARY NELL BARNES toured to "Rising Star" for Christmas.

ROY HUTCHISON spent the holidays with his parents in Denison, Texas.

LUCILLE DICKEY went to McGregor, Texas where she visited her sister and family.

Instead of COLONEL MORRIS doing the traveling this Christmas, he stayed at home and let his family come to him. His daughter, Rosemary, husband Hank and little Mike, 10 months old, came from Denver, Colorado to spend Christmas.

Of course, Colonel Morris thinks little Mike is quite the "proper stuff", and Mike was so impressed with his Granddaddy that he had to show him something spectacular--so the day before his return to Denver he walked across the living room floor! It is hard to say who was the proudest-Colonel Morris or Mike!

PLENTIFUL FOODSALL TIME RECORD!

Statistics show that in 1954 the Nation's laying hens produced 71.5 billion eggs - an all-time record. Consequently "January Egg Month" is being sponsored by our AMS, Food Distribution Division. During the month fresh eggs of all sizes will be available at very reasonable prices.

Eggs are a favorite, health-giving and versatile food desirable as the main course item for breakfast, lunch or supper, and indispensable in baking, in the making of desserts, and in the preparation of many nourishing beverages. So in January, it's

EGGS for Good Eating!
EGGS for Good Health!
EGGS for Good Buys!
EGGS for Good Merchandising!

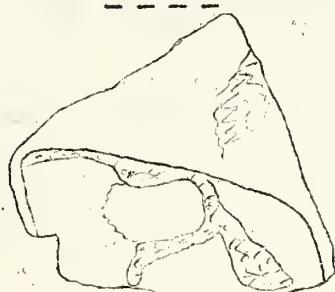
GRAPEFRUIT

Fresh and processed grapefruit are especially featured for January and if

you want to lose weight and like it try drinking grapefruit juice regularly.



Grapefruit juice is low caloried, so you need not limit yourself. It's alkalizing, satisfying - a natural source of quick energy and a gold mine of vitamin C - the resistance building vitamin you need every day because your body doesn't store it up. Use grapefruit juice for breakfast, between-meal snacks, or to start off lunch or dinner.

BEEF

Beef is again on the plentiful list and it's your best bet since it offers you best-quality protein in liberal amounts, as well as B vitamins, iron, and other minerals. By supplying protein, meat helps keep you from reckless loss of weight. All the fat you can see should be cut off if you are trying to lose weight.

The protein fans the flame while body fat burns,

actually increasing your rate of weight loss a bit. And protein helps your body say "no" to infections.

RICE

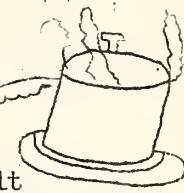
Excellent growing conditions have brought about the largest crop of rice on record. It is a nourishing, versatile food and should be served often.

Try New Fluff Method

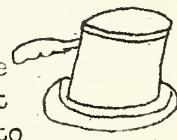
By cooking your rice the new fluff method only 1½ minutes is required for cooking. It is as follows:

POUR:

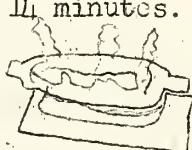
Bring to boil
2 cups water,
1 teaspoon salt
in large saucepan.

BOIL:

Add 1 cup rice to above. Let water return to boil. Cover tightly, lower flame to simmer and cook for 1½ minutes.

SERVE:

Yields 3 to 4 servings
of fluffy white rice -
the best tasting you
ever served.

RASINS

For good sandwiches:
Cheese-Raisin

Mix $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups grated soft American cheese with $1\frac{1}{3}$ cups mayonnaise. Blend in $\frac{1}{2}$ cup raisins, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon tasty sauce, 6 drops of appetising sauce. Spread on your favorite kind of bread.

R E S O L U T I O N S

PASSED BY:

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DALLAS USDA CLUB IN THEIR MEETING ON NOVEMBER 8, 1954.

WHEREAS, we have all enjoyed our monthly publication, Dallas USDA Club News, during the year 1954 and recognize it to be most outstanding:

BE IT RESOLVED: THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS express their appreciation to ROY A. HUTCHISON, Chairman, Committee on Correlation and Public Service, for his efforts in enlarging the paper and organizing activities whereby a group of employees made the publication possible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS express appreciation to MILDRED YEAGER, Editor, Dallas USDA Club News, for her all out efforts in making the Dallas USDA Club News the best paper ever published by the Club.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS express appreciation to DAVID M. WELLS, Sports Editor, for his interesting column, which has displayed an element of human interest, an element of humor, and wholesome facts regarding sports and to BILLY J. COX, Sports Editor, for similar contributions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS express appreciation to ALL OFFICERS, COLUMNISTS, AND REPORTERS OF THE DALLAS USDA

CLUB NEWS, who through their efforts have given us worthwhile information and have caused us to know each other better and to share each other's experiences.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: THAT a copy of these RESOLUTIONS be furnished ROY A. HUTCHISON, MILDRED YEAGER, DAVID M. WELLS, AND BILLY J. COX and that they be published in the December issue of the Dallas USDA Club News.

R. A. VERNON, PRESIDENT
DALLAS USDA CLUB

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POLL TAXES FOR 1955
MAY BE PAID AT CSS

Our Administrative Staff has made arrangements with the Jaycees of Dallas for one of their members, Charles Jarvis, to take care of Poll Tax payments for 1955 at CSS on January 17.

Jarvis, well known employee, will be stationed in the Credit Union Room, 3rd Floor, 3306 Main Street.

FOR SALE:

USED UPRIGHT PIANO.

R. B. Baird -
WI 5813.

MARGARET COX
WAS HOSTESS
TO SMALL GROUP

Margaret Cox entertained with a delightful dinner party at her home January 8. The dinner was enhanced with an arrangement of a variety of flowers in shades of pink. Barbecued chicken with all the trimmings was beautifully served as the main course. The specially flavored peaches made a direct hit with everyone.

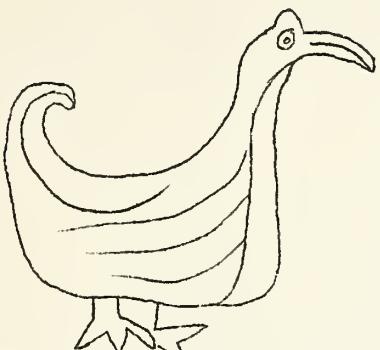
Guests were Bava Stille, Bernice Frickie, Hazel Cunningham, Anna Chappell, Clara Mae Cannefax, Verna Landry, Theresa Bersano, Geneva McIntire, Everyn Bivens, Evelyn Gathings and Nadine Duncan.

Jimmie Croxen took a flying trip (by plane) to Chicago for three days during the Christmas season, where she visited with the family of her late husband.

Martha Chamberlain enjoyed a family reunion at her mother's home in Calvert, Texas. Her four brothers were there for Christmas. (Two are football coaches - more fun!)

F O R S A L E

Beautiful Saucy Walker Doll still in her box - the same as new - only \$10.00. Regular Price \$15.95. Also a lovely 20 inch baby doll in a sweet pink dress with golden hair. Was \$15.95 - for \$10.00. Call Andrew 2-5981 after 6:00 or see Lou Wedel, 1st Floor, CSS.



The Duck that Forgot To!

GOOD LUCK?

Several couples should have good luck around CSS as they complied with tradition by eating black-eyed peas at 12:05, January 1, 1955 in the home of Margie Kavanaugh, 4522 University Boulevard.

The group enjoyed a party and were tooting horns at straight up 12. Terry Kay, Margie's five year old daughter, stayed up until almost the New Year - then slept through the clatter and clamor. Entitled to good luck are Yvonne Kile, Powell Dillahey, Willie Young, Dick Perkins, Evelyn Handley, Ken Proper, Bill Williamson and Margie, who were present for the occasion.

THE NEW YEAR

A Flower unblown; a book unread;
A tree with fruit unharvested;
A treasure with its gifts concealed--
This is the year that for you waits
Beyond tomorrow's mystic gates.-Horatio N. Powers-

SPORTS CHATTER

By David M. Wells

Well, the winter yard-work may get a little attention, now that the flying pigskins (and football pools) have been removed from the television screens.

ED PART says he tuned in the Cotton Bowl game on Channel 5, as Channel 8 made him seem too close to the players. HARRY GILLIAM vows that he has seen that World Series catch by Willie Mays so many times on the Sports Highlights that he feels like he could now make the catch himself.

All of the Commodity Office bowlers say that their six-team league is a real horse race and further designates which portions of the horse's anatomy they consider to be best descriptive of all opposing teams. EILL BOREN (who always makes this column) is usually at the top in individual bowling averages of the league's rollers. The writer has been urged to devote some space and wordage to bowling. The main reason we have not is because of the unique coverage given to this sport by Jim George, a former Federal worker, who has for several years been reporting Federal League Bowling in a special weekly bulletin that may be described as unique, among other words which come to mind. This fellow, Jim George's material, qualifies him as the Erskine Caldwell (of Tobacco Road fame) of the bowling alleys.

My description does his

writing no justice whatever; you had best get hold of one of the bulletins if you can. They are not easy to find, as each recipient considers he has a collector's item. We suggest that you see your local bootlegger.

Well, good sport, what does 1955 hold in store for us in the field of sports? For myself, all I need is a set of clubs to go with the three golf balls I received for Christmas. Besides the clubs, I need the time and permission of two supervisors on Cayuga Drive.

As for Sports Columns, this is my last for my current sponsor, your local Rolls-Royce dealer. I thank all of you folk who commended me for my efforts, with particular thanks to my favorite reader, Tom Darling, who commended me for each column. You must agree that while Mr. Darling might not take the blue ribbon for his literary taste, he is way up there in tact and courtesy.

LOVE ANIMALS?

"Yes," said his proud mother, "John is such a good boy, and so fond of dumb animals. Why only last night I heard him say in his sleep, 'Feed the kitty, feed the kitty!'"

HAVE YOU THOUGHT -
ABOUT BUYING
U. S. SAVINGS BONDS
THROUGH
YOUR PAYROLL SAVINGS PLAN?

